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SUBJECT: Publication of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kaua'i Bus Maintenance Facility Improvements for Electric Buses Project, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 3-6-002:018 (portion)

Aloha e Ms. Evans,

With this letter, the County of Kaua'i (County) Transportation Agency submits the Draft Environmental Assessment and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact (DEA-AFONSI) for the Kaua'i Bus Maintenance Facility Improvements for Electric Buses Project.

The project involves improvements to the existing Kaua'i Bus Maintenance Facility to support conversion of the County's bus fleet to battery electric buses (BEB). This will involve the construction of new maintenance bays adjacent to the existing maintenance building, improvements to the existing maintenance building, new office and support spaces, installation of charging equipment, and related site and infrastructure improvements.

The DEA-AFONSI has been prepared in compliance with both Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and Chapter 200.1, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR).

We request that the Draft EA be included in the March 23, 2023 edition of *The Environmental Notice*. A copy of this letter, the DEA-AFONSI as a searchable PDF, and project location map as a zipped shapefile have been submitted via the Environmental Review Program's online submittal portal. If there are any questions, please contact our consultant, PBR Hawaii, attention Ty Shiramizu at (808) 521-5631 or via email at tshiramizu@pbrhawaii.com.

Mahalo nui,

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